

Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 7th

8:30 am - St. John – Priest's intention

9-9:30 am *Confessions at St. John*

3:00 pm *Confessions at St. John*

3:30 pm *Confessions at St. Elizabeth*

4:00 pm - St. John – Alice Goyette

by the family

4:30 pm - St. Elizabeth – James & Dorothy Troiano

by Terri Binney

Sunday, March 8th

7:30 am - *Confessions at St. John*

8:00 am - *Confessions at Queen of Peace*

8:00 am - St. John – Simone Carreau

by Michelle Descoteaux & family

8:30 am - Queen of Peace – Mass for all Souls

10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Mass for the people

11:00am - St. John – Gabriel "Gib" Handy

by Priscilla Messier

12:00pm - St. John – Holy Hour for Life

Monday – March 9th St. Francis of Rome

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – All Souls in Purgatory

by a parishioner

2:15pm - St. J. House - Mass

5:15pm - St. John – Sarah Hinkley/ those discerning a vocation by Wanda Larrivee

Tuesday, March 10th

8:30am - St. John – Melanie Jaffee

by Amy Marcinko

5:15pm - St. John – Marty Smith

by Amy Marcinko

Wednesday, March 11th

8:30am - St. John – Arthur Menard

by David & Tina Houde

5:15pm - St. John – Patrick Cochran

by Amy Marcinko

Thursday, March 12th

8:30am - St. John – Carol Ketcham

by Gerard & Jodi Gingue

5:15 pm - St. John – Linda St. Cyr

by Amy Marcinko

Friday, March 13th

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – Walter & Vera Hughes

by Marilyn

4:30 pm - St. John – *Confessions- St. John's*

5:15 pm - St. John – Blessed Mother Intention for Amy Marcinko by Wanda Larrivee

6:00pm - Stations of the Cross (all 3 Churches)

Saturday, March 14th

8:30 am - St. John – Priest's intention

9-9:30 am *Confessions at St. John*

3:00 pm *Confessions at St. John*

3:30 pm *Confessions at St. Elizabeth*

4:00 pm - St. John – Dick Gracie

by Susan Dugan

4:30 pm - St. Elizabeth – Connie Hamel

by Spike & Anita Wellman

Sunday, March 15th

7:30 am - *Confessions at St. John*

8:00 am - *Confessions at Queen of Peace*

8:00 am - St. John – Rita Lorenz Reis

by Susan Dugan

8:30 am - Queen of Peace – Mass for the parishioners

10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Carole Heighton

by the Heighton family

11:00am - St. John – Intentions on the Prayer Board

by the St. J. Rel. Ed Students

5:00pm - St. John – Mass for our Youth

5:00pm - St. Elizabeth – Latin Mass

Please keep our parishioners who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Connie, Lapage, Randy Mackay, Martin Fortin, George Thurston, Charlie Weis, Randy Thomas & Jerry Prevost.

PARISH EVENTS

Sun. Mar. 8 9:00am St.E. Rel. Ed.
9:15am St. J. Rel. Ed.
9:30am QP Rel. Ed.
6:00pm Confirmation Class following Mass

Tues. Mar 10th 12:00pm Ecumenical Service/Lunch L'ville Methodist
6:00pm Social Action

Thur. Mar. 12th 3:00pm Bible Study/Ad.Ed. Room
6:00pm Bible Study/Ad Ed Room
7:00pm St. John's Choir

Sat. Mar. 14th 5:00pm K of C. Bingo

Sun. Mar. 15th 9:00am St.E. Rel. Ed.
9:15am St. J. Rel. Ed.
9:30am QP Rel. Ed.
6:00pm Confirmation Class

Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly offertory donations. Visit our website at: nekatholic.com and click "Give Online" to sign up! Leave your checkbook at home, and save the parish the expense of envelopes!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/19-6/30/20 Budget: \$282,000 (\$6,000 needed per week)

Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$180,891 + **On-Line: YTD:** \$67,509

Collections and Receipts: March 2, 2020

Regular Offertory: \$3,714.85

The **FORMED** program is available to everyone in our parish. To start enjoying this free gift, please visit the FORMED website:

1. Go to: nekatholic.formed.org
2. Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

Bulletin Sponsors

Each week we want to highlight a business that supports our bulletin.

Thank you to: Natural Provisions, St. Johnsbury

Please support those who support us!

Second Collection Next Week: No 2nd Collection

Christ Our Hope Campaign

We're excited to announce that our parish will be taking part in the **Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church** campaign. The campaign will build up our diocese through vibrant parishes, strengthening our faith formation efforts and serving the poor.

We will kick off the campaign next month. We're still looking for volunteers to help spread the message and follow up on gift requests. If you are interested, please call the parish office.

More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the kickoff date. See the Vermont Catholic & Inland See for more campaign information.

Stewardship Message: "Rise, and do not be afraid." The challenges we face personally and as a Church are nothing compared with the glory of God. Let us rise confidently, with Christ as our hope.

Light of the World Retreat: LOTW Retreat 3. March 20-22, 2020

Here's what a parishioner has to say about his LOTW experience: "I feel blessed in a special way, being mindful of how important spirituality is and its benefits in my daily life." - Roger J. Melanson. Registration forms are in the churches and on the church website. Must be returned by Friday, March 13.

Traditional Latin Mass @ St. Elizabeth 5pm March 15th.

SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 29th: Corpus Christi Parish Pancake Breakfast and St. John's Religious Education End of the Year Fair! The breakfast will take place from 9am—1pm Cost is by donation and proceeds to benefit the youth group's trip to the Steubenville East Conference. The fair will take place from 9:15 until 10:45. Thank you for your support!

Religious Education News

On March 15, the Queen of Peace Religious Ed students will host a coffee hour after the 8:30 Mass and will present a topic they have learned this year. We hope you will plan to join us and provide your support to our students.

Our Queen of Peace Religious Ed students are collecting non-perishable food items or money, to be brought to the Danville Open Door (food shelf) on March 22. Please remember to bring items to show your support and help support their cause. They will help stock shelves and learn how to provide support to those in need.

PRAYER PARTNERS: First Communion Candidates will be making their First Holy Communion on April 12th. Please sign up to pray for these young students on the bulletin board in the back of the St. John's Church. Write your name underneath their pictures so they will know that you are praying for them. Thank you.

FUTURES PREGNANCY CARE OPEN HOUSE

70 Church St.; Lyndonville, VT

March 14, 2020 from 1-5pm

Corpus Christi Parish is actively supporting this Center.

Please note: The Pregnancy Storeroom at the Fr. Lively Center is currently full. Donations are not needed at this time.

Thank you for your generosity.

Fasting Guidelines for Lent: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence from meat for Catholics. In addition, all Fridays of the year are days of abstinence from meat, although outside of Lent individuals are free to substitute another penance; during Lent, Fridays are always obligatory days of abstinence from meat.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, Who gives up His Flesh for us.

The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. Abstinence laws consider meat as the flesh coming from warm-blooded animals. Cold-blooded animals such as: fish, amphibians, reptiles, and shellfish are permitted. Also permitted are meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, foods such as, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products except foods such as, butter, cheese and eggs.

The Eucharistic Fast: A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before Holy Communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine. The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour.

Flu Safety: Bishop Coyne has issued guidelines for parishes to follow to protect against the flu. As such, he's temporarily suspended distribution of the Precious Blood. We're reminded that only the Priest is required to receive Holy Communion under both species. It's always acceptable to receive Holy Communion under the species of the Sacred Host alone. Jesus Christ is present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity under both species. So the one who receives only the Sacred Host is not receiving less, nor is the one receiving both species receiving more; Jesus gives Himself equally through each species.

Also the Bishop has said that *"the Sign of Peace at Mass is not to include any physical contact. The practice of holding hands during the Lord's Prayer, which is not envisioned in the rubrics of the liturgy, should cease as well."* Because of these instructions the invitation to exchange the sign of peace will be omitted until further notice in accordance with the rubrics of the Mass, which say that this should only be done when appropriate. In this case the *"Lamb of God"* begins immediately after the people return the wish of peace to the Priest with the response: *"And with your spirit."*

Further, we're reminded that anyone showing signs of illness, or who, due to age or weakness, may need to avoid crowds, are excused from the obligation to attend Mass until the danger is past. Those prevented from attending Mass may contact the parish if they would like the Priest to visit with the Sacraments.

The Peace of the Lord Be With You

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church "the sign of peace" or "the rite of peace" is given with a gesture determined by local custom (such as a hand clasp) "by which the Church entreats peace and unity for herself and for the whole human family, and the faithful express to each other their ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating in the Sacrament." (GIRM, 82) The priest says or sings: "The peace of the Lord be with you always", to which the people respond: "And with your spirit." Then, as stated in the Roman Missal, "if appropriate, the Deacon, or the Priest, adds: 'Let us offer each other the sign of peace.'"

In the Roman Rite, it is placed after the *Pater Noster* and before the *Fractio Panis*. Even within the Catholic Church, there are liturgical rites (the Ambrosian Rite and the Mozarabic Rite) in which it is placed after the Liturgy of the Word, before the gifts for consecration are put on the altar. The latter placing is influenced by the recommendation in Matthew 5:23-24 about seeking reconciliation with another before completing an offering at the altar. It was a practice in Rome itself at the time of St. Justin Martyr in the middle of the 2nd century. In the 3rd century the present placing was chosen not only in Rome but also in other parts of the West such as Roman Africa, where Saint Augustine understood it as related to the petition, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us", in the Lord's Prayer and to the link between being in communion with the body of Christ understood as the Church and receiving communion with the Body of Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

The Rite of Peace is accomplished at the Mass when the Priest offers the congregation peace with the words: "The peace of the Lord be with you always," and they respond: "And with your spirit." At the discretion of the Priest celebrant there may or may not follow an invitation for the people to exchange, "in a sober manner ... the sign of peace only to those who are nearest."